

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

As a disabled person, I depend on my wireless phone for safety and security, especially away from home. I already have to pay for AAA to be sure I won't get stranded on the road if my car breaks down. But if it does, my wireless phone is the only way I have to contact them. If I lose wireless service due to this unfair tax, it would significantly alter my ability to safely take care of myself. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I, also, intend to inform my representatives in Washington of what you are up to and how I feel about it. This is nothing but taxation without representation.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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